REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

CONVENTION

OF THE

CHURCHES OF CHRIST.

AT THE

ANNIVERSARIES

OF THE

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN BIBLE, MISSIONARY,

AND

PUBLICATION SOCIETIES,

HELD IN CINCINNATI, OCTOBER, 21, 22, AND 23, 1856.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

American Christian Missionary Society,

AS AMENDED BY THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF 1856.

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Art. V.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, twenty Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, two Recording Secretaries, one Corresponding Secreatry, and one Auditor, who shall be elected by the members of the Society at the annual meetings.

Art. VI.—The Society shall annually elect twenty-five Managers, who, together with the officers of this Society, shall constitute an Executive Board, to conduct the business of the Society, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Art. VII.—Two of the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, Secretaries, and Auditor, and at least ten of the Managers shall reside in Cincinnati or its vicinity.

Art. VIII.—The Executive Board shall have power to appoint its own meetings, elect its own Chairman and Secretary, enact its own by-laws and rules of order, provided always that they be not inconsistent with the constitution, fill any vacancies which may occur in their own body, or among the officers of the Society during the year, and if deemed necessary by two-thirds of the members present, at a regular meeting, convene special meetings of the Society. They shall establish such agencies as the interests of the Society may require, appoint agents and missionaries, fix their compensation, direct their labors, make all appropriations to be paid out of the treasury, and present to the Society, at each annual meeting, a full report of their proceedings during the past year.

Art. IX.—all contributions, given for any specified object, shall be so appropriated, or returned to the donor or his lawful agent.

Art. X.—The Treasurer shall give bonds to such an amount as the Executive Board shall think proper.

Art. XI.—All the officers, managers, missionaries, or agents of the Society shall be members in good standing in their respective churches.

Art. XII.—The annual meeting shall be held, in Cincinnati, on the Wednesday after the third Lord's day in October, or at such other time and place as shall have been designated by a previous annual meeting.

Art. XIII.—No alteration in this constitution shall be made without a vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting, nor unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Board.

MINUTES OF THE ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The American Christian Bible Society met in annual session on Friday, October twenty-first, at the Christian Chapel, corner of Eighth and Walnut streets, Cincinnati, at 11 o'clock A. M., the President, D. S. Burnet, in the chair. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises.

On motion of J. T. Johnson, of Kentucky, the report of the Board of Managers in regard to the merging of the three societies into one was called for and presented to the meeting, when a discussion ensued on the present aspects of the whole question, in which brethren Pettigrew, Pendleton, Scott, Loos, Henshall, and others participated. After which the report was, on motion, accepted.

It was then moved to lay the report on the table, which was carried.

The following resolution was then offered by brother W. K. Pendleton, of Virginia:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to continue the existence of the American Christian Bible Society, and that it should be dissolved.

After which, and while the discussion was pending, on motion, a committee of three was appointed to prepare business for the future sessions of the society, consisting of brethren Loos, Pickett, and John I. Rogers, when the meeting adjourned till 3 P. M.

SECOND SESSION.

Three O'clock P. M.

The meeting convened as per adjournment. President in the chair, who opened the meeting with devotional exercises.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The report of the committee on order of business was then presented and accepted, and on motion, adopted.

The reports of the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer were then presented, and referred to an auditing committee of three, consisting of brethren Holton, Arnold, and Latimer

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.—1856.

The Recording Secretary respectfully reports the following receipts and expenditures for the past year:

Oct. 21, 1856.	From D. S. Burnet for estate of Parish,	$100	75
"	Sundry amounts to Nov. 29. 1856,	65	00
"	W. H. Lowe, Winchester, Ky.,	20	00
"	To amounts to December 11th,	10	00
"	John Rogers, for Bible Union,	6	00
"	Samuel Rogers, "	5	00
"	A. Scott, "	5	00
"	J. S. Martin, "	5	00
"	John Rogers, per S. W. Irwin,	10	00
"	John P. Smith, Hannibal, for Bible Union,	6	00
"	Mrs. Ann D. Smith, Hannibal, "	6	00
"	Mrs. Arch. Robard (3d inst.), "	5	00
"	Alex. Baxter, for Bible Union,	25	00
"	G. W. Abell, " "	5	00
"	Mrs. Maria Stevenson, Little Rock, Arkansas,	20	00
Total,		$293	75
Balance on hand last report,		$858	20
		$1151	95

T. J. Melish, *Recording Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of American Bible Society respectfully submits the following report:

In account with A. C. B. Society.

Dr.	To cash, October 23d, 1855, as per last report,			$858	20
"	" " 21st, 1856,			293	75
				$1151	95
Cr.	By broken bank note,	$5	00		
"	December 3d, paid order No. 131,	200	00		
"	" " " " 132,	1	00		
"	October 21st, " " "	77	17		
"	" " " " "	164	00		
"	" " cash on hand,	704	70		
				$1151	95

C. H. Gould, *Treasurer.*

The resolution which was pending at the adjournment was taken up. Brother J. T. Johnson then offered the following as a substitute for the resolution pending:

Resolved, That the funds of every kind now belonging to the American Christian Bible Society, be transferred to the American Christian Missionary Society, having in view the object of the donors. Also:

Resolved, That the further existence of the American Christian Bible Society is inexpedient.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The committee appointed to audit the reports of the Recording Secretary and Treasurer reported that they had examined and found them correct.

The Society then adjourned till Wednesday, at 9 o'clock A. M.

THIRD SESSION.

The Society met in third session Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, President in the chair. The meeting was opened with devotional services. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted, with some amendments.

Some discussion arose on the position of the Society with reference to the resolutions offered by J. T. Johnson at the last meeting, when, on motion of J. Burnet, the resolutions were reconsidered, and the following resolutions were offered by him as a substitute for the resolutions of brother Johnson.

Resolved, That we instruct the Board of Managers, as soon as possible, to transfer to the American Christian Missionary Society—to be used for the purposes for which they were donated—all the funds and other property belonging to the Society; and that at our next annual meeting, to be held on the day appointed for the meeting of the American Christian Missionary Society, unless circumstances should render further delay desirable, we will dissolve our orgrnization.

Resolved, That we recommend to the American Publication Society to take measures preparatory to dissolution; and to the American Christian Missionary Society so to enlarge its plans as to embrace as far as possible, the objects of all three of the Societies.

Remarks were made by brethren Ayres, Begg, and others.

The amendments were adopted, and the question as amended was submitted to the meeting, and adopted.

The President, D. S. Burnet, then made some remarks on the origin and history of the Society, after which the meeting adjourned.

T. J. Melish, *Secretary*.

1856

MINUTES
OF THE
AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

FIRST SESSION.

The American Christian Missionary Society met in annual meeting at Christian Chapel, corner of Eighth and Walnut streets, Cincinnati, Ohio, on Wednesday, Oct. 22d at 10 o'clock A. M.

The President, Elder A. Campbell, in the chair, the Corresponding Secretary, D. S. Burnet, delivered his annual report, which was accepted, and a motion made for its adoption, upon which an address was made by C. L. Loos, approving the general sentiments of the report, after which, on motion of D. S. Burnet, the report was laid on the table for future action.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Providence has again permitted us to assemble for purposes connected with the Divine glory. He has favored the country with general peace, and the churches with considerable prosperity, for all which we owe him our hearty thanksgiving.

During the past year your Board has done but little in the evangelical field. Besides a donation to a few weak churches, to aid them in the proclamation of the truth, nothing has been accomplished.

There seems to be a general want of concert, which is truly alarming. Our District and State organizations, hereabouts, have felt the same withering influence, and have neither gathered nor expended funds to any considerable amount.

The waste places of Zion are overrun like captive Israel. The small sum of two hundred and fifty-six dollars and seventy-five cents, has been received by me during the year, in answer to demands made, mainly through the mail. A temporary mission of brother James T. Barclay, soon suspended by ill-health, issued in the product of but sixteen dollars, of which seven is included in the above total.

Among the causes which have wrought this result, are the following:

First. There is much difference of sentiment in regard to the Foreign Missionary enterprise. Such persons seem to forget the aggressive character of our holy religion. They forget the word *go*, in the commission. Their mind is riveted upon "*tarry ye!*" The church was both to *go* and *tarry*, and certain it is that if we send many, yet many more would tarry. The tarrying is done now. The sending and the going must be done also, to meet the conditions of our implied contract—a contract implied in the Divine commission under which we labor, and under which we ourselves were saved.

Secondly. Many are in doubt in regard to the paying character of the field chosen in the incipiency of our missionary effort. It can not be denied that Jerusalem is stony ground, and that while there is little depth of earth on the rocks, there is but little heart and sincerity in the inhabitants. All is stony; but, nevertheless, the fixed and floating population constitutes a field which many parties, and many parties of many nations, are assiduously striving to cultivate. Impressed most profoundly by this diversity of views in regard to efforts for the evangelization of this most interesting locality, the Board declined any action till the views of the Society could be gathered at the Anniversary Meeting, to whom they referred the subject. Upon this present meeting, then, devolves the settlement of this important question.

Thirdly. There exists among many of our people a very inadequate idea of the dignity and importance of our missionary organization. In Israel every man does what is right in his own eyes.

In 1849, in the most solemn manner, a large body of our people convoked from all points of the compass, inaugurated with great enthusiasm the American Christian Missionary Society and proceeded forthwith to the double work of Home and Foreign Missions. But after occasional indications of the same sort, early in our last associational year, a scheme is published in various quarters to take the work from the hands of the Missionary Society and prosecute it upon the individual responsibility plan. Now as this scheme received but a solitary rebuke from the press, the Board know not when nor where they might meet some other manifestation of a disposition to render their labors in their foreign field wholly unnecessary.

To the above lists of reasons, perhaps may be added with equal propriety, the worldliness of the church, and the apathy which prevails on the subject of human salvation. The worth of the soul is not estimated as the values of commerce and manufactures have been. Our prosperity may have corrupted us and blinded our eyes to our own carnality and lifelessness, for we know of no surer evidence of spiritual declension than an under estimate of evangelical labor, and evangelical labor in all lands.

That we may awake to our whole duty, and prosecute it with successful energy, may we ever pray.

D. S. Burnet, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Thomas J. Melish was appointed Secretary, *pro tem.*

The Recording Secretary, W. S. Dickinson, then offered his report, which was accepted.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Recording Secretary of the American Christian Missionary Society, respectfully offers the following report:

1855.	Amount reported in Treasury October,	$1,460 55
Nov. 27,	from D. Parish's estate,	100 75
"	" Mrs. R. J. Latimer, Ky.,	5 00
"	" sundry persons,	25 00
Dec. 1,	" W. Rowzee and wife,	10 00
"	Mrs. Mary Jamison,	15 00
"	W. B. Flinn,	5 00
"	W. Lockridge	5 00
"	Mrs. Martin, Virginia,	5 00
"	Jacksonville church,	20 00
"	J. D. Turner, Illinois	5 00
"	Mrs. Erland, Kentucky,	5 00
"	James S. Lane, "	15 00
"	A. J. Kane, Illinois,	5 00
"	Isaac Errett, Ohio,	15 00
"	Mrs. E. W. Abell, Virginia,	5 00
"	Collected by Dr. Barclay,	10 00
"	Sundry persons,	6 00
"	Cor. Secretary, through C. H. Gould,	149 00
		$1,866 30

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1856.	Paid Treasurer October 6th,	149 00	
"	" " " 21,	256 75	
			$1,866 30

W. S. Dickinson, *Secretary, pro tem.*

The Treasurer, George Tait, offered his report, which was accepted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

George Tait, Treasurer, in account with A. C. Miss. Society, Dr.

1855.	Oct. 24.	To balance on hand last report,	$1,460 55
	" 25.	To cash from Corresponding Secretary,	98 00
1856.	Oct. 6.	" " " "	51 00
	" 22.	" " " "	104 39
	" 22.	" " " "	152 36
			$1,866 30

George Tait, Treasurer, in account with A. C. Miss. Society, Cr

1855.	October 25.	By cash paid order 99,	$98 00	
1856.	October 21.	" " " 109, -	27 86	
	" "	" " " 110, -	25 00	
	" "	" " " 111, -	100 00	
				$250 36
		Balance on hand, - - -		$1,615 94

George Tait, *Treasurer.*

Cincinnati, Oct. 22, 1856.

These reports were, on motion, referred to an auditing committee of three, consisting of brethren Mead, Hawley, and Holton.

It was then moved by J. T. Johnson, that a committee of investigation of three be appointed to report on the state of the accounts of the Society.

On motion, the chair appointed the following as the committee:

Brethren Mead, Mooklar, and G. W. Rice, and the power given to them to appoint a substitute for any vacancy which may occur in their number, with instruction to report as soon as possible, and publish the result.

On motion, the report of the Board of Managers in regard to proposed changes in the Constitution, was called for and presented.

On motion, a committee on order of business was appointed, consisting of B. Franklin, W. K. Pendleton, and Jacob Burnet.

The meeting then adjourned until 2½ o'clock P. M.

T. J. Melish, *Secretary.*

SECOND SESSION.

The Society met as per adjournment at 2½ o'clock P. M., President in the chair.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises.

The minutes of the last session were then read and approved, and the report of the committee on the order of business was called for and presented.

The amendments to the Constitution were then called for.

The following amendments were proposed and adopted. Article second was amended so as to read:

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In the amendments of the Constitution proposed by the Board, the *place* in this Article was left *blank*, to be filled by the Convention. It was proposed by Bro. Wm. Begg, and seconded, that *Bethany* be inserted, which, after some discussion, was rejected. It was then moved and seconded, that *Cincinnati* be inserted, which was finally passed.

ART. VIII. The Executive Board shall have power to appoint its own meetings, elect its own Chairman and Secretary, enact its own by-laws and rules of order, provided always that they be not inconsistent with the constitution, fill any vacancies which may occur in their own body, or among the officers of the society during the year, and if deemed necessary by two-thirds of the members present, at a regular meeting, convene special meetings of the society. They shall establish such agencies as the interests of the society may require appoint agents and missionaries, fix their compensation, direct their labor, make all appropriations to be paid out of the treasury, and present to the society, at each annual meeting, a full report of their proceedings during the past year.

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ART. XIII. On motion, was stricken out.

The articles were then engrossed and adopted as amended.

On motion, Bros. J. I. Rogers, R. M. Bishop and Wm. J. Pettigrew, were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, after which the meeting adjourned until 7½ o'clock P. M.

THIRD SESSION.

The Society met according to previous adjournment, at 7½ o'clock P. M., at the Sixth street chapel, when several interesting addresses were delivered on the objects of the Society, by brethren Scott, Campbell, Pickett, Begg, and Loos, after which a contribution, of $225 40, was taken up, and pledges increasing the amount to about $350.

The meeting then adjourned.

FOURTH SESSION.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M., at the Sixth street chapel. Bro. Campbell, the President, in the chair. The session was opened by devotional exercises.

The question of the qualifications, duties, and salary of the Corresponding Secretary, then came before the meeting in the regular order of business.

After a lengthy, free and animated expression of sentiment on this subject, notice was given that at the next annual meeting of the Society a motion would be made to add the following article to the constitution, prescribing the duties of the Corresponding Secretary.

It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, to collect and digest information for the Board and for the Society; to solicit and otherwise procure funds for the support of the Society; to superintend the general conduct of its evangelical and financial affairs; and devote himself to the private and public advocacy of its interests and aims.

A resolution was offered that the annual salary of the Corresponding Secretary be $1200.

After a free discussion of this resolution, a number of brethren thinking the sum too small, it was finally adopted.

The committee on nomination of officers asked that two more be added to their number; whereupon, on motion, brethren Pendleton and J. Burnet were added.

Society then adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock P. M.

FIFTH SESSION.

The Society met at 2 o'clock, with the President in the chair. Bro. Pearre opened the session by prayer.

The minutes were then read and approved. The Board of Managers then reported through D. S. Burnet, that they proposed to the

Society to further amend the Constitution by inserting the words "and an auditor," after the word "Treasurer." The report was accepted, and the amendment adopted.

D. S. Burnet then offered the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the American Christian Missionary Society accept with pleasure the funds tranferred from the Bible Society and promises to faithfully apply them; and that the life-members and life-directors of the Bible Society, be constituted such in this Society. This was unanimously adopted.

J. D. Pickett then offered this resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Board of the Society be requested to consider the expediency of re-establishing the Jerusalem Mission.

Remarks were made by brethren Loos, Pickett, Eaton, Ayres, Scott, Ephraim Smith, and Campbell.

The resolution was amended by the mover, to read:

Resolved, That the re-establishment of the Jerusalem Mission be earnestly recommended to the consideration of the Executive Board.

The Committee on Nomination of officers offered the following report, which was adopted.

President—Alexander Campbell, Virginia.

Vice Presidents—David S. Burnet, Benj. Franklin, Cincinnati; Isaac Errett, Michigan; Walter Scott, John T. Johnson, R. C. Rice, James Henshall, Kentucky; James Challen, Pennsylvania; Reuben L. Coleman, P. Woolfolk, R. Milligan, Virginia; H. Christopher, St. Louis; J. W. McGarvey, Missouri; Elijah Goodwin, George Campbell, Indiana; S. E. Shepard, New York; J. S. Lamar, Georgia; George Austin, Baltimore; Robert Graham, Arkansas; H. H. Happy, Illinois; Dr. W. H. Wharton, Tennessee.

Recording Secretaries—Charles W. Franklin, Jacob Burnet.

Corresponding Secretary—Charles Louis Loos.

Auditor—Carlos H. Gould.

Treasurer—George Tait.

Managers—George W. Bishop, Thomas J. Melish, Thurston Crane, W. W. Eaton, John D. Stillwell, James Leslie, Wm. S. Dickinson, H. S. Bosworth, Richard M. Bishop, Wm. P. Stratton, Cincinnati; Edward B. Howell, Charles D. Hurlburt, Abram E. Strickle, Thomas J. Murdock, Ohio; W. K. Pendleton, W. J. Pettigrew, Virginia; John J. Rogers, J. D. Pickett, Thomas Arnold, Jas. Trabue, S. Ayres, Kentucky; W. H, Postlewaite, George D. McGrew, Pennsylvania; M. E. Lard, Missouri; L. H. Jamison, Indiana.

It was then moved that the Missionary Society meet again as soon as the Publication Society adjourn.

When, on motion, the Society adjourned.

T. J. Melish, *Secretary, pro tem.*

MINUTES

OF THE

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

THURSDAY, October 23d, 1856.

The President, brother D. S. Burnet, took the chair. Brethren Jacob Burnet and Bishop made verbal reports of the condition of the Society.

Brethren R. M. Bishop and J. Burnet stated that one year ago it was found that the Society was so deeply involved, and the current expenses of the *Age* and *Sunday School Journal*, so much exceeded their receipts, that it would be impossible to continue the publication of those papers and the conduct of the book store, without using funds contributed for a Sunday School Library; and, as an opportunity offered of selling out to brother H. S. Bosworth, of Pittsburg, who would thus be drawn to Cincinnati, a more central point for the operations of the brotherhood than his former residence, it was concluded to embrace the opportunity, and to wind up the affairs of the Society, except so far as the publication of a Sunday School Library was concerned. A sale was accordingly made to brother Bosworth, of the entire property of the Society except the plates, so far as progressed, of the Sunday School Library, and the manuscripts for the same, and the fixtures in the book-store, which last were transferred to the church in part payment of a long arrearage of rent. The assets of the Society were not sufficient to meet its debts, and the Board raised, by a forced loan from its members in Cincinnati, between eighteen and nineteen hundred dollars, to meet its pressing debts, which could not be postponed until the paper, taken at long time from brother Bosworth, should mature.

The chief cause of the embarrassed condition of the Society, was the heavy outlay of money, and the onerous obligations assumed at the time of the purchase of the *Age*, and *Sunday School Journal*, and stock of books, plates, and stationery from Jethro Jackson, in the Spring of 1852. The Board paid him $3,000, of which $1,000 or more was cash, raised in Cincinnati at the time. Of this, some $1,500 was for the good-will of the papers, which had been paid for in advance, and which were to be supplied to those prepaid subscribers, for an average of at least eight months, by the Society, without compensation, as a part of their contract with Mr. Jackson. The Board were greatly deceived in the estimated value of the papers, and in the number of the subscribers who had prepaid their subscriptions, and to whom they were bound to supply the papers under their contract. The consequence was an outlay, and assumption to pay, at this inception of the Society's operations, of from five to six thousand dollars. This, brethren, has been more than the Society could carry, although it has struggled under it for a long time. The result has been insolvency, the weight of which rests, by law, upon the members of the Board in Cincinnati.

The publication of the Library was last Fall committed entirely to David S. Burnet, who now has it in charge.

Brother D. S. Burnet made a brief statement of the history of his connections and labors with the Society, especially with reference to the Sunday School Library.

Brother J. Burnet then offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient for this Society to continue its separate exstence longer than may be necessary to close up its affairs, and if practicable we will dissolve our organization at our next annual meeting, which will be held on the same day with the next annual meeting of the American Christian Missionary Society.

Resolved, That after the winding up of the affairs of the Society, the Board be directed to pay over to the American Christian Missionary Society the remaining funds of the Society, first having paid all its debts.

On motion of brother J. Burnet a committee of three was appointed to examine into the affairs of the Publication Society, and report through the *Christian Age* as soon as practicable. The President appointed brethren Mooklar, of Covington, Meade, of New Orleans, and C. L. Loos, of Cincinnati. On motion, the Society adjourned.

D. S. Burnet, *Pres't.*

C. W. Franklin, *Rec. Sec.*

SIXTH SESSION.

The Missionary Society then resumed its sitting. Brother Alexander Campbell in the chair.

Brother Loos offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the American Christian Missionary Society will receive thankfully all the funds that the American Christian Publication Society may have remaining after the winding up of its affairs, and will appropriate the same as directed; and that the life-directors and life-members of the Publication Society, be invested with the same rights in the American Christian Missionary Society.

On motion of brother John Begg, an expression of thanks was offered by the Convention to the brethren of Cincinnati for their kind hospitality. On motion the Society adjourned with prayer.

Alex. Campbell, *President.*

T. J. Melish, *Recording Secretary.*